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E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJECT: FUTURE OF MFA

1. PETER TSAO, DEPUTY DIRECTOR, DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY, GOVERNMENT OF HONG KONG, HAS REPORTED TO U.S. TEXTILE DELEGATION HEAD THAT SEVDRAL ASIAN TEXTILE EXPORTING COUNTRIES PLAN TO MEET AT NAIROBI AT TIME OF UNCTAD IV TO DISCUSS FUTURE OF ARRANGEMENT FOR INTER-NATIONAL TRADE IN TEXTILES (MFA). ACCORDING TO TSAO MEETING WAS ARRANGED UNDER AUSPICIES OF THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COMMISSION FOR ASIA AND THE PACIFIC TO ENABLE MAJOR DEVELOPING COUNTRY TEXTILE EXPORTERS IN REGION TO EXCHANGE VIEWS AND EXPLORE POSSIBLE POLICY POSITIONS.

2. TSAO, WHO WILL ATTEND MEETING AS MEMBER OF THE
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HKG UNCTAD DELEGATION, SAID HKG'S PURPOSE IN SUPPORTING

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MEETING WAS TO INCREASE AWARENESS IN ATTENDING COUNTRIES OF THE DANGERS TO THEIR TEXTILE EXPORTING INTERESTS OF DISORDER IN INTERNATIONAL TEXTILE MARKETS. TSAO SAID HKG BELIEVED THAT INTERNATIONAL FRAMEWORK FOR CONDUCT OF TEXTILE TRADE WOULD BE NECESSARY FOR SEVERAL MORE YEARS TO CURTAIL UNILATERAL PROTECTIONIST MEASURES BY EEC, CANADA AND OTHER COUNTRIES.

3. COMMENT. TSAO'S REPORT INDICATES HKG CONCERN THAT PAKISTANI SPONSORED UNCTAD RESOLUTION OPPOSING "VOLUNTARY RESTRAINTS" ON INTERNATIONAL TRADE MAY THREATEN VITAL HONG KONG ECONOMIC INTERESTS. HKG OBJECTIVE APPEARS TO BE BE DEVELOPMENT OF SUPPORT AMONG OTHER DEVELOPING COUNTRY TEXTILE EXPORTERS FOR EXTENSION OF THE MFA UPON LIBERALIZED TERMS.
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